

**MINUTES OF THE EARL GREY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, June 15th, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M. (MOUNTAIN TIME)
HELD AT 845 HILLCREST AVE SW**

Member Attendees: Kaylen Christiansen, Sandi Metz

Director Attendees:

- Chair: Lynn Krasey
- Vice Chair: Lindsey Huston
- Secretary: Kelsey Gallagher
- Volunteer Coordinator: Audra Zannis
- Director of Communications: Amy Barrington
- Co-Directors of Landscape: Shevaughn Smith & Rihanna Vanin

Virtual Attendees:

- Casino Coordinator: Britt Obuck
- Fundraising Coordinator: Laura Hubbard
- Playground Coordinator: Katie Plintz
- Fun Lunch Coordinator: Kale Badura

In person Guest Attendees:

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Apologies:

- Treasurer: Ken Little

2. Call to order: 6:30pm by Lynn Krasey

3. Acknowledgement of the Land: Kaylen Christiansen

4. Review & Approve May Meeting Minutes:

- Approved May 2026 meeting minutes.

5. Review Action Items:

- Litter at Earl Grey playground/field:
 - Sports teams have not yet been contacted about reminding teams using the Earl Grey field to clean up their garbage.
 - Reminder signs for people to put their garbage in the outdoor garbage bins have not yet been made. Rihanna to ask Hui Yee if she would be able to help make these.
 - Ms. Christiansen to see if there are more garbage cans.

6. Principal Update: Kaylen Christiansen

- Volunteer Tea:
 - Video of the Earl Grey choir performing at the Volunteer Tea was shown to council.
 - Principal reflected that this was a success and was a collaborative effort between staff and students.
- Class Size Reduction Grant:
 - Earl Grey received a class size reduction grant for Grade 2. This means that there will be 2 classes of Grade 2 next year. The school is very exciting about this.
 - This grant was given to Grade 2 because this year the Grade 1 class was 26 students. This exceeded the CBE threshold of 24 students for this grade.
 - The school is not planning to make Grade 2 a 1/2 split next year.
- Dad's Breakfast:
 - When: June 19th
 - Currently 15 volunteers have signed up
 - The Animation grant will also be presented at this time.
 - The Principal and Vice Principal will be taking care of coffee.
- Sports Day:
 - When: After Dad's breakfast on June 19th
 - Students will be divided into different colours Ex. Purple team, orange team etc.
 - Currently we have 7 volunteers. Some high school kids will also be helping. The school feels that they have enough volunteers, but more are welcome.
 - If it rains the backup plan is to hold Sports Day on the 23rd.
 - Britt will bring freezies for all the students.
- Earl Grey Talent show:
 - When: June 23rd K-3 at 9am & June 24th Grades 4-6 @ 12pm.
 - Families are welcome.
- Split classes are still TBD. Class assignments will likely be known on August 28th.

7. "Clean-up school picnic & play": Lynn Krasey

- When: Sunday August 30th at 10am.
- What: Parents and kids are welcome to come clean up the school yard before school starts.
- Parents to volunteer to come.
- Prior to the start of the school year:
 - Audra to make a sign-up genius
 - Kaylen to post in weekly updates

8. Grade 6 Grad Team: Lynn Krasey

- Receipts have been sent to Ken.

9. Newsletter Planning: Lynn Krasey

- School drop-off zone:
 - To be clarified in the newsletter.
 - Ms. Christiansen is looking into getting new signage for the drop-off zone.
 - Lynn to add a google image of where people can park showing red, yellow & green zones.
- Potentially “Bike Bus”:
 - Ms. Christiansen will investigate how the “bike bus” works at Bonavista School.
 - If this idea goes ahead then Lynn will add details about the “bike bus” to the newsletter.
- Fundraising Section:
 - Keep as part of the newsletter.
- Hot Lunch:
 - Rihanna wondering if this can occur more frequently than 1x/month.
 - Kale is open to increasing this to twice a month. Per hot lunch Kale thinks he requires ~2-3 parent volunteers.

10. Start of 2026/27 School Year: Ms. Christiansen

- First day of school Monday August 31st.
- Sunday August 30th at 10am:
 - Parent Council will have an impromptu meeting and check in. Parent Council to plan for the first day of school council table Ex. Who getting supplies, who setting up etc.

11. Motion to Close 7:06pm Lynn Krasey

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12. Call to Order: 7:06pm Lynn Krasey

13. Investigation into grants for landscaping: Rihanna Vanin

- Alberta Motor Association Grant:
 - This grant becomes available in the fall and can be used throughout the year.
 - It requires that applicants are specific about their needs Ex. We need a rain barrel etc.
 - Rihanna can apply for this grant and Shevaughn is also happy to help with the application process as well.

- Rihanna has found other grants as well, but there needs to be a larger plan and vision for what we want the school's garden area to include.
- The school has \$1,000 to spend on the courtyard from Education Matters.
- In the past teachers have each been responsible for a gardening box. This could be considered again.
- Should students be deciding what is planted in the garden? Could this be a good way to engage students?
- Should we use the grant to get an arborist?
- Action item: The landscape committee should make a list of 5-10 things that they want to do and include their estimated cost for each of these items. Once this list has been made, they can bring it to the Parent Society to vote on.

14. Casino:

- Overall, it was a success, but it was also chaotic as some people did not show up and there were multiple medical emergencies that prevented volunteers from coming. This resulted in back up people having to come to help.
- Next time Britt might try to get more back up workers.
- Next year consider slogan, "Sign up and bring a friend" as volunteers that volunteered with another parent they knew expressed that the Casino had been very enjoyable.
- Britt will send out a thank you message to all the volunteers.
- Pizza party winners: Ms. Branco & Ms. Helsin. Council will pay for this. Rihanna to determine a date for Ms. Helsin's pizza party. Kelsey to determine a date for Ms. Branco's pizza party.
- Discussion of trying to round people up for a volunteer photo to recognize them.

15. September AGM: Lynn Krasey

- Budget to be talked about at the September AGM
- Date of AGM Monday September 21st, 2026

16. Track & Field Meet: Britt

- Can Grade 6's be involved in Track & Field?
- Principal, vice principal and Grade 6 teacher will speak further about this.

17. Meeting Adjourned– 7:42pm

Signed By: LKrasey
Lynn Krasey - Chair

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Kelsey Gallagher – Secretary

